

CYNGOR CYMUNED GELLIGAER ~ GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th June 2024 7.00pm at Gelligaer Community Council Office in a MULTI-LOCATIONAL format in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Angel, R Callison*, D Cushing*, M James, W Matthews, C Moss, H Pritchard, J Pritchard and A Wood.

Clerk: C Mortimer

* denotes remote attendance

Chair Cllr Haydn Pritchard welcomed everyone to the meeting

12. **Apologies** – were received from Cllr Gaynor Bruford due to illness, Cllr Teresa Parry due to CCBC work commitments and Cllr Roger Bevan due to family commitments.
13. **Declarations of Interest**
Councillors and Officers were reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution, and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Clerk.
Cllr Judith Pritchard declared an interest in Financial Assistance Caerphilly Miners minute no. 27(ii) and Cefn Hengoed Fareshare Food Distribution minute no.27(vi).
Cllr Donna Cushing declared an interest in Financial Assistance Cefn Hengoed Fareshare Food Distribution minute no. 27 (vi).
Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in the Pre-Planning item minute no. 36 and Planning item minute no.37.
14. **Police Update for St Cattwg, Hengoed and Ystrad Mynach Wards - there was no Police present.**
Members received and noted Police Update for April 2024
15. **Public Participation** - there were no members of the public present.
16. **Retired Chair's Annual Report** - deferred
17. **Chair's Announcements**
Chair Cllr Haydn Pritchard announced the following:
 - Chair Cllr Haydn Pritchard had attended a D Day commemoration assembly at Glyngaer Primary School which was a lovely service presented by the pupils, marking the D Day Landing's 80th anniversary.
 - Greenhill D Day assembly is being held tomorrow on 6th and members are also welcome to attend.
 - Chair Cllr Haydn Pritchard will be introducing a couch to 5k at Lewis Girls School 11am on Friday for 5 weeks for the pupils.
18. **Minutes**
Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 24/04/2024 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
19. **Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising
20. **Annual Minutes from 22nd May 2024**
Minutes of the Annual meeting held on 22nd May 2024 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
21. **Matters arising** – there were no matters arising.

22. Business deferred from Annual Meeting:

A. Minor Authority Representatives on Schools Board of Governors - Deferred again to the next ordinary meeting.

- Hengoed Primary School – Cllr Judith Pritchard 19/01/22 – 18/01/26
- Ystrad Mynach Primary School – vacancy exists
(Andrew James who transferred to a minor authority rep has stepped down)

B. CCBC Community Centre Management - Deferred again to the next ordinary meeting.

- Gelligaer Community Centre
- Glanynant Memorial Hall (not owned by CCBC)
- Penybryn Village Hall

C. Cycle of Meetings for 2024/25

RESOLVED : Council approved the following dates:

Date / Day: Wednesday	Meeting Type
5th June 2024 (following AGM on 22/05/24)	Ordinary Full Council
26 th June 2024	Ordinary Full Council
24 th July 2024	Ordinary Full Council
AUGUST	RECESS
25 th September 2024	Ordinary Full Council
23 rd October 2024	Ordinary Full Council
20 th November 2024	Ordinary Full Council
11 th December 2024	Ordinary Full Council
22 nd January 2025	Ordinary Full Council
19 th February 2025	Ordinary Full Council
26 th March 2025	Ordinary Full Council
23 rd April 2025	Ordinary Full Council
7 th May 2025	ANNUAL / AGM
21 st May 2025	Ordinary Full Council

23. Finance to 21st May 2024

(i) Balance of Funds

'Balance of Funds' document was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

(ii) Bank Statements

Bank statement no. 60, 75,17 and 105 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

(iii) Lloyds Banks

RESOLVED: Council approved Chair Cllr Haydn Pritchard becoming a signatory on the Chair's Account.

- 24. Remuneration Mandatory Payment – Senior Role/Chair**
Council noted Chair Cllr Haydn Pritchard wishing to forego his £500 mandatory payment.
- 25. Criteria for Awarding Financial Assistance Grants and Projects** - was received and noted.
RESOLVED: Council agreed the criteria for grants and projects which will be published on our website.
- 26. Keep Wales Tidy (KWT) Service Level Agreement (SLA) 2024/25**
RESOLVED: Council received and ratified the new SLA with KWT
Members noted in the Agreement:
- Allocate 10 hours per week of KWT's staff time and to manage time efficiently and effectively to keep costs to a minimum from 1st April 2024 to 30th June 2024 to co-ordinate and manage the practical biodiversity projects within the GCC boundaries.
 - Allocate 7 hours per week of KWT's staff time and to manage time efficiently and effectively to keep costs to a minimum from 1st July 2024 to 31st March 2025 to co-ordinate and manage the practical biodiversity projects within the GCC boundaries.
- 27. Financial Assistance/Grants 2024/25**
- (i) Ty Hafan App no. 3**
This was deferred from last ordinary meeting as members required confirmation of the total pantomime takings for 2023, which were £769.60
RESOLVED: Council agreed to top up the takings and grant the sum of £1,000 to Ty Hafan Childrens Hospice.
- Cllr Judith Pritchard declared an interest in the next item and played no part in the ensuing discussions and decision.*
- (ii) Caerphilly Miners Centre App no.4**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £300 to Caerphilly Miners Centre
- Cllr Judith Pritchard returned to the meeting.*
- (iii) Cascade Crafters App no. 5**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £400 to Cascade Crafters
- (iv) Gelligaer Football Club App no. 6**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the sum of £400 on the proviso a copy of their income/expenditure balance sheet is provided.
- (v) Glanynant Allotment Association App no. 7**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £350 to Glanynant Allotment Association
- Cllr Judith Pritchard and Cllr Donna Cushing declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions and decision.*
- (vi) Fareshare Food Distribution Cefn Hengoed - PROJECT**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £2,000 to Fareshare Food Distribution Cefn Hengoed
- Cllr Judith Pritchard and Cllr Donna Cushing returned to the meeting.*
- (vii) Thee Aventurion Emeralds Jazz Band App no. 8**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £300 to Thee Aventurion Emeralds Jazz Band
- (viii) Tredomen Allotment Association App no. 9**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £350 to the Tredomen Allotment Association

28. **Eco Officer Update for April 2024**– was received and noted.
29. **Projects 2024/25**
- (i) Project Summary 2024/25 – was deferred to the next meeting.
 - (ii) Newsletter – deferred for the time being.
 - (iii) Llancaiach Fawr Presentation – feedback was received and noted. Guests enjoyed the event and food.
 - (iv) Wales in Bloom 2024 & (v) Pavement Planters in Gelligaer and Ystrad Mynach
RESOLVED: Council agreed to budget the sum of £1,000 for perennial plants and summer bedding for Gelligaer Square and Ystrad Mynach Town.
 - (iii) New project proposals:
 - (a) Gelligaer FC – the installation of electricity to the new cabins.
RESOLVED: Council agreed in principal to supporting the project on the proviso the club writes in with their request and provides a quotation.
30. **Biodiversity Report** – this item was deferred.
31. **Decarbonisation/Green Projects** – deferred as awaiting to hear from P Rossiter.
32. **Dust Monitor** – deferred for further information.
33. **Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales – Review of the Community Arrangements**
- Members received and noted the Final Recommendations for our area. Members are to note that Greenhill loses a community councillor whereas as Cascade gains one. Ystrad Mynach increases from three ward members to four.
- Greenhill:**
 Add the new houses on Trem yr Olwen, Winding Wheel Lane (currently in Ystrad Mynach.)
 Move Glyngaer to Cascade as it is more geographically aligned with Cascade than with Greenhill.
- Gelligaer:**
 Remove the following cottages and farms close to Llancaiach and move to Nelson Community Council, who have been consulted and agree the proposal:
 The Smithy's Cottage, Llancaiach CF46 6EP
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 Ty Newydd, Llancaiach Fawr Farm, Gelligaer Rd CF46 6ER
 Ty-Tarw, Llancaiach Fawr Farm, Gelligaer Rd CF46 6ER
- Tiryberth:**
 Add Farm Close (currently in Cefn Hengoed)
- Cefn Hengoed:**
 Remove Farm Close (and move to Tiryberth)
 Remove the 6 streets in Cwm Calon (and move to Ystrad Mynach):
 Brambling Crescent
 Firecrest Walk
 Goshawk Rise
 Harrier Ave
 Kingfisher Way
 Starling Walk
- Hengoed:** no change

Ystrad Mynach:

Remove the new houses on Trem yr Olwen, Winding Wheel Lane (and move to Greenhill)
Add the 6 streets in Cwm Calon (currently in Cefn Hengoed):

Brambling Crescent

Firecrest Walk

Goshawk Rise

Harrier Ave

Kingfisher Way

Starling Walk

Llanbradach Fawr Farm moving from Ystrad Mynach into the Llanbradach Ward of the Community Council as it's geographically closer to Llanbradach and the polling station.

34. Gelligaer CCTV

The system at Gelligaer is due for its annual review and council is requested for our views on whether to continue CCTV in the area based on the statistics.

RESOLVED: Council agreed that CCTV continue in the area for the purpose of gathering evidence data and to act as a deterrent.

35. Training for 2024/25

(i) OVW training for 2024/25 – was received and noted.

Cllr Rhianwen Callison booked several courses over the next couple of months.

(ii) Members received and noted Climate Change Workshop dates with Flintshire County Council. Cllr Judith Pritchard will attend on 17th and the Clerk will attend on 11th.

6th June 2024 @ 1600 - 1730

11th June 2024 @ 1530 - 1700

17th June 2024 @ 1600 - 1730

(iii) Members received and noted the updated training plan – Clerk will implement a traffic light system to make it clearer what training has been received and experience gained. The overall objective being, not that all members have training in all aspects but the council as a whole has a broad cross section of skills and knowledge to competently carry out the functions of the council.

Cllr Alan Angel declared an interest in the next two items and therefore left the meeting this playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

36. Pre-planning Applications

Members received and discussed the following:

(i) As part of Vodafone's continued network improvement program there is a specific requirement for a radio base station telecoms upgrade at this location. The proposal, which "we feel is the best solution to serve our customers in the local community, will include the removal and replacement of an existing 12.0m high pole with a new 17.50m high monopole. Proposed 6no. RRU's, 3no. antennas, 1no. 300 dish, and ancillary upgrades".

Upgrades to an Existing Installation at (VF 4241_15 / CS 12290502) Ystrad Mynach Station, off A427, Gwent CF82 7BQ E: 314181 N: 194322.

RESOLVED: No objections

(ii) Proposed sports pitch and circular walkway footpaths along with the proposed extension to existing quarry operations including drainage, landscape bunds and associated works.

Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm, Gelligaer Road, Gelligaer CF82 8FY.

RESOLVED: Objections on the grounds of health and well being of the residents

37. Planning Applications

Members received and discussed the following planning applications. Comments or enquiries must be emailed to planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk within 21 days of receipt of the email date.

Email:24/05/24

Case Ref. 24/0361/FULL Site Area: 117m² Location: Penallta Rugby Club Unit A Graddfa House Caerphilly Road Ystrad Mynach Hengoed CF82 7EP(UPRN 000043166748) Proposal: Reconfigure access ramp and construct beer garden adjacent to Penallta Rugby Football Club Case Officer: Emile Braithwaite (01443 864433 : braite@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Ystrad Mynach Map Ref: 314580 (E) 193913 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated **RESOLVED:** no objection.

Case Ref. 24/0371/HH Site Area: 158m² Location: 11 Pengam Street Glan-y-nant Blackwood NP12 3XH (UPRN 000043044366) Proposal: Demolish existing single storey extension, erect new single storey extension and convert loft with rear dormer extension Case Officer: Joshua Burrows (01443 864427 : burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 315115 (E) 197515 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated **RESOLVED:** No objection

Email:16/05/2024

Case Ref. 24/0347/TPO Site Area: 12m² Location: 19 Kingswood Close Hengoed CF82 7LU (UPRN 000043079255) Proposal: Reduce the crown by shortening the laurel branches which overhang the rear public access lane, reduce the laurel branches that overhang neighbours garden and greenhouse (Tree Preservation Order 49/82/RVDC) Case Officer: Abbie-Jane Stokes (01443 866221 : stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Hengoed Map Ref: 315284 (E) 195100 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated **RESOLVED:** No objection

Case Ref. 24/0373/LA Site Area: 226m² Location: 15 Brynhyfryd Terrace Penpedairheol Hengoed CF82 8DB (UPRN 000043022266) Proposal: Construct external ramp to front of property Case Officer: Abbie-Jane Stokes (01443 866221 : stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 314186 (E) 197709 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated **RESOLVED:** No objection

Case Ref. 24/0379/FULL Site Area: 352m² Location: Greenhill Playing Fields Claerwen West UI Gelligaer (UPRN 000043171609) Proposal: Provide containers for changing rooms, kit storage, hardstanding, vehicle parking and associated works Case Officer: Joshua Burrows (01443 864427 : burroj1@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: St Cattwg Map Ref: 313011 (E) 196700 (N) Community Council: Gelligaer Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated **RESOLVED:** No objection

38. Next meeting Date: Ordinary Meeting 26th June 2024.

Meeting closed at 9.04pm

Signed: _____ **Chair** **Date: 26th June 2024.**